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Senators Probe Defense Project

By the Associated Press

Washington

An aide to Senator Joseph R. McCarthy (R) of Wisconsin says "Project Lincoln," a supersecret study of how to keep America safe from atomic attack, is being probed for subversives by the Senate Investigations Subcommittee.

In a copyrighted story, the Boston Post reports that such an investigation was under way. Francis P. Carr, executive staff director of Senator McCarthy's committee, confirmed that Project Lincoln is among defense establishments in the Boston area being investigated for subversives.

Those who have followed investigations point out that this does not necessarily mean that the project is honeycombed with subversives, nor, necessarily, that there are any such persons connected with the project. Results of such an investigation remain to be seen in concrete evidence it may turn up.

Some of the nation's most earnest anti-Communists are associated with the project, including Dr. James R. Killian, president of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and many others who have given of their time and energy to serve patriotically with the project.

Bid for Tighter Laws

The project uses facilities of MIT at Cambridge, Mass.

There were, meanwhile, these other developments in Senator McCarthy's investigative activities:

1. He said in an interview he will make several proposals for tightening federal espionage and subversion laws when he and other Republican lawmakers confer with President Eisenhower next week.

2. Senator McCarthy said also he is asking the Army to investigate "unresolved questions of loyalty" he contends have been raised about Telford Taylor, former war crimes prosecutor and World War II brigadier general.

3. The subcommittee's search for evidence of spying at the Ft. Monmouth, N.J., radar laboratories will be resumed in New York City, probably running daily Monday through Thursday. Mr. Taylor may be called as a witness.

The Boston Post quoted an unidentified subcommittee source as saying the Project Lincoln investigation is an outgrowth of the Ft. Monmouth probe.

4. Senator McCarthy announced that he has received a list of about 125 persons he said had been Communists in Germany and later found jobs in the office of the United States High Commissioner of Germany through "infiltration."

Probe in Boston Area

Mr. Carr declined comment on the Project Lincoln investigation beyond saying the subcommittee has investigators in

the Boston area and that the project is one of the defense establishments under study.

The atomic defenses survey has been under way since August, 1951, but its existence was disclosed only last March. MIT reported to the National Security Council, the government's top defense planning body, that the United States could build an effective air defense.

The Post story says the "chief recommendation of Project Lincoln to be disclosed to date called for the erection of a 50 billion dollar radar screen around the United States.

Somewhat different estimates on the cost of the project have been brought forward.

According to Dr. Lloyd V. Berkner, president of Associated Universities, Inc., which operates the Brookhaven Laboratories, and who is a member of the Project Lincoln Summer Study group, the early warning system would cost less than \$375,000,000 and its annual operating costs would approximate \$100,000,000.

Called Top Project

According to a spokesman for the Air Force, "There is no question whatever that 'Project Lincoln' is our top project—and has been for sometime," the Post says.

The Post story also says:

"It is reported that 'Project Lincoln' ranks in strategic importance just behind the manufacture of atomic and hydrogen bombs. The project, it was explained, is responsible for the safety of the United States itself."

The newspaper says that "top American scientists, the majority of them from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, staff 'Project Lincoln' for the three major services, although it is under the supervision of the research and development command of the Air Force in Baltimore (Md.)."

"It is also believed that some top British and Canadian scientists work on 'Project Lincoln,'" the story adds.

Churchill Slates Secret New Book

By Reuters

Stockholm

British Prime Minister Sir Winston Churchill is working on a new book which he intends "to burst on the world" before retiring, Lady Clementine Churchill has disclosed here.

She said she could give no idea of its title or contents, because, she had promised to keep it a secret.

She was in Stockholm to receive this year's Nobel Prize for literature on behalf of her husband.

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